

## CHAPTER 49

### COUNTY ISSUANCE OF MOTOR VEHICLE LICENSES — STUDY

H.F. 372

**AN ACT** establishing a county issuance of motor vehicle licenses study and providing effective dates.

*Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:*

Section 1. There is established a county issuance of motor vehicle licenses study committee to study, make recommendations regarding, and oversee the implementation of a uniform system for the issuance of motor vehicle licenses by county treasurers if a system is implemented. The committee shall consist of thirteen members as follows:

1. Five county treasurers chosen by the Iowa association of county treasurers.
2. The director of the department of transportation or the director's designee.
3. The director of the office of driver services of the state department of transportation or the director's designee.
4. The director of audits for the state department of transportation.
5. The executive director of the Iowa motor truck association or the executive director's designee.
6. The executive director of the American automobile association of Minnesota/Iowa or the executive director's designee.
7. The auditor of state or the auditor's designee.
8. The certified public accountant and the operations research analyst who are members of the county finance committee established under section 333A.2.

The committee shall be staffed by the legislative service bureau.

Sec. 2. The committee shall study the experience of the six counties currently authorized to issue motor vehicle licenses under section 321.179 and take testimony from the department of transportation, customers in the six counties, and other interested parties regarding the implementation of an expanded system of county issuance of motor vehicle licenses, including commercial driver's licenses.

The committee shall also do the following:

1. Make a comparison of the costs related to the issuance of driver's licenses by the department and the six counties and methods for tracking costs of issuance of driver's licenses on a statewide basis, including the length of time necessary to track the costs to ensure the results provide an accurate representation of the costs incurred by the counties and the department. The committee shall also provide an analysis of transition and future costs of operation if statewide county issuance of driver's licenses is recommended.
2. Consider the need for and recommend comprehensive and consistent guidelines for all driver's license activities.
3. Conduct a customer survey in the six counties currently issuing driver's licenses and at selected driver's license stations operated by the department.
4. Make a recommendation on whether the issuance of driver's licenses by county treasurers should be expanded, whether the department should provide more hours of operation at some or all driver's license stations, whether the current law should remain unchanged, or whether other changes should be made. The recommendations shall include an analysis of the potential impact upon the continued quality, consistency, effectiveness, and services provided by current driver's licensing operations for commercial and noncommercial drivers.

Following delivery of its recommendations, the committee shall act in an advisory capacity regarding the implementation of a county issuance program enacted should one be enacted and signed into law. The committee shall report to the general assembly not later than January 1, 1998, and shall be dissolved December 21, 1998.

Sec. 3. **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This Act, being deemed of immediate importance, takes effect upon enactment.

Approved April 18, 1997

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**CHAPTER 50**  
**BANK REGULATION**  
*H.F. 475*

**AN ACT** relating to the acquisition of a branch of a savings association by a newly chartered bank and providing an effective date.

*Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:*

Section 1. Section 524.1213, Code 1997, is amended by adding the following new subsection:

**NEW SUBSECTION.** 4A. For purposes of subsection 3, a bank that has been chartered solely for the purpose of, and does not open for business prior to, acquiring control of, or acquiring all or substantially all of the assets of, one or more branches owned and operated on January 1, 1997, by a savings association, as defined in 12 U.S.C. § 1813, which association is an affiliate of the bank, is deemed to have been in continuous existence and operation as a bank for the combined periods of continuous existence and operation of the bank and the savings association from which the branch or branches were acquired.

Sec. 2. Section 524.1805, Code 1997, is amended by adding the following new subsection:

**NEW SUBSECTION.** 3A. For purposes of subsection 1, a bank that has been chartered solely for the purpose of, and does not open for business prior to, acquiring control of, or acquiring all or substantially all of the assets of, one or more branches owned and operated on January 1, 1997, by a savings association, as defined in 12 U.S.C. § 1813, which association is an affiliate of the bank, is deemed to have been in continuous existence and operation as a bank for the combined periods of continuous existence and operation of the bank and the savings association from which the branch or branches were acquired.

Sec. 3. **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This Act, being deemed of immediate importance, takes effect upon enactment.

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